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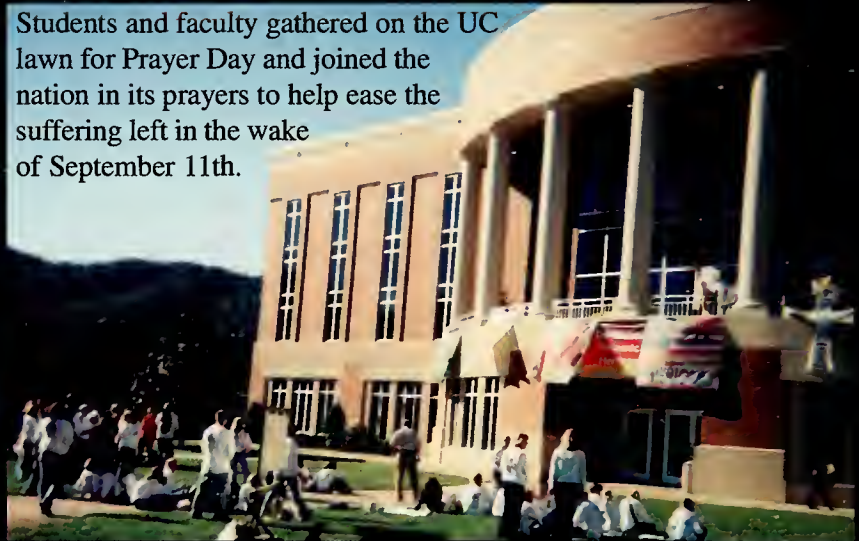
Rays of Freedom
at half mast



Proud to be an
AMERICAN



Students and faculty gathered on the UC
lawn for Prayer Day and joined the
nation in its prayers to help ease the
suffering left in the wake
of September 11th.





We dedicate these pages to the victims and survivors of the tragedy our nation suffered on September 11, 2001. Western Carolina students expressed their patriotism and support by proudly displaying their car flags, stickers, magnets, and banners.

Several campus organizations held fundraisers for various charities involved with the relief effort. Student Development and Health Services raised \$410 for the Red Cross. The English Department raised \$705 for the Salvation Army.

**A portion of the proceeds from the 2002
Catamount Yearbook sales will be donated to the
*September 11th Victims' Relief Fund.***



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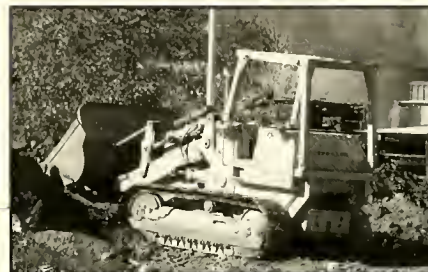


“Western Carolina University is experiencing a building boom unprecedented in its institution’s history. More than \$130 million in renovation and construction is planned, including \$98.4 million in projects approved by North Carolina voters in the November 2000 higher education improvements bond referendum, and other projects funded by local sources and federal agencies.

The repairs, renovation, and new construction taking place on campus over the next several years will transform the university. These improvements to facilities will enable Western’s outstanding faculty to do an even better job delivering the type of high-quality, high-tech education that the people of this region and this state will require to succeed in the 21st century.”

-Chancellor John Bardo





27th annual

Mountain Heritage Day



What started out twenty-seven years ago as a small event to celebrate the traditional culture of the Southern Appalachians has grown into one of the state's premier events to preserve a unique heritage. As one of North Carolina's premier festivals, Mountain Heritage Day regularly attracts over 30,000 visitors to the campus of Western Carolina University on the last Saturday of each September. The festival has been rated as one of the top 200 craft events in the United States, but the festival's most vital role is linking generations and helping maintain the authentic folk arts of the mountains.





TAILGATING





H O M E C O M I N G





ADVENTURES OVERSEAS



Students visited bustling Birmingham, with its art museums and Cadbury factory. They traveled to Worcester and Bath, and then saw a Shakespearean play in the Bard's home of Stratford on Avon.

The study abroad trip to England is hosted each year by the Department of English.

This year, while in London, students toured Buckingham Palace, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Westminster Abbey. They also saw a Shakespearean play at the New Globe, and explored museums, theatres, galleries, and parks. The group was fortunate enough to walk in the footsteps of Chaucer, Johnson, Keats, Dickens, Eliot, Woolf, and others.





Students scaled the walls of the medieval town, York. They saw the world's second largest gothic cathedral, toured Fountain's Abbey, Durham, Lindisfarne, and Whitby. They also crossed the Pennines to the Lake District and followed footpaths familiar to Wordsworth, Coleridge, DeQuincey, and Southey.

Haworth, the familiar moors in the Bronte sisters' novels.



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*WCU students
of today...*



WCU students of tomorrow...

The WNC All-District Band

The All-District Clinic is sponsored by the All-District Band Directors Association and has been performing for 60 years.

Middle and high school music students from all over western North Carolina participate in competitions, where they must prepare a solo, scales, and perform a sight-reading piece. The top performers



are then chosen to participate in the clinic. The clinic rotates from Western Carolina University to Mars Hill College and Brevard College.



Above: A few students from the Middle School Band II



Below: Conductor Anthony Ammons leads Middle School Band II

Above: Stefanie Pentz, Asheville Middle School Band II
Below: Parents drove from all over WNC to see their children perform in this special concert. Amelia Wingard (with her granddaughter Courtney Taylor) drove from Asheville to see her daughter perform.



POETRY SLAM

The **Poetry Slam** is sponsored by the English Department and the English Club. Dr. Brian Gastle, English Club Advisor, coordinates the event, which is presented every semester and is held in the Illusions Club. Students from all fields are encouraged to attend. The



Dr. Newt Smith (above) and Dr. Brian Gastle are regular MC's at the Poetry Slams.

event usually brings 50-100 students, 15-30 of which read (or act out) poems they have selected or written themselves. The judges are chosen at random from the audience (and the audience regularly 'boos' the judges' evaluations of the readers--it's not unusual to see popcorn fly at these events).

The Poetry Slam is a lot of fun, and if you haven't been to one yet, plan on coming to the next one!



S u r v i v i n g t h e

S L A M



Super Slammin' Winners

Prizes range from the "poetically useful" (book store certificates, poetry and literature books) to "eclectic" (crayons, sidewalk chalk, Keep Out signs, and the occasional action figure).

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Supreme Slammer



The Creative Writing Club is sure to be seen at the Poetry Slam. Club members take delight in cheering the participants.

L-R: Holly Paar, Brittany Harrison, Naci Morris, Dr. Brian Railsback - Club Advisor, Tony Christopher - Club President.

CELEBRATE WOMEN



WCU hosted a series of events to celebrate Women's History Month. This year's theme was "Dispelling Myths about Women."

Dr. Marilyn Chamberlin, Head of WCU's Women's Studies Program, organized a day-long Gender in the Workplace Conference, complete with keynote speakers and panel discussions. Other events during the week were organized or sponsored by WISE, Western's Women Center, the Mountain Heritage Center, the Cherokee Center, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, and REACH.



Top Left: To begin the week's events, keynote speaker Dr. Gayle Miller shared her comical yet serious sentiments regarding issues women face in the workforce.

Top Right: Darcel Grimes, WLOS 13 news commentator, served as keynote speaker at the Walk for Women.

Left: Betty Farmer, Coordinator of the Walk for Women, gave a speech prior to the walk, then introduced the keynote speaker and marshals.

Western Carolina University's Eighth Annual

Walk for Women

Mon., March 4, 2002 • 12 Noon • Alumni Tower

Guest Speaker Darcel Grimes, WLOS News 13 Anchor



Several hundred women and men participated in the Eighth Annual Walk for Women to celebrate the accomplishments of women.

Right and Below: Walkers for women

Above: Several men walked in support of women, including WCU Chancellor John Bardo, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Robert Caruso.

Above Right: Twelve women chosen to be marshals, including Sylva Mayor Brenda Oliver, led the walk down Centennial Drive.



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

CELEBRATION 2002

UNITY PARADE



The 2002 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration hosted a variety of activities throughout the entire week. In addition to the Unity Parade and the Candlelight Vigil, students also participated in a Prayer Breakfast, an Art Exhibit, an Essay Contest, Unity Jazz Night, Community Service Day, and a reception with guest speakers. The events were sponsored by the University Center, the Organization of Ebony Students, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of the Chancellor, Student Government Association and the Multicultural Advisory Council.

The Candlelight Vigil, right, was sponsored by the Organization of Ebony Students and was held in honor of those who have died in the fight for racial and social justice. The theme for this year's celebration was "United We Stand, Together We Rise: Turning Dreams Into Reality."



Top Left: Faviola Olvera, Erin Brady, Saretta Tatum, Jenni Giles.
Left: Lex Davis and Saretta Tatum walk in the parade.

Bottom Left: The parade began at Harrill, proceeded down Centennia Drive and ended at the University Center Alumni Tower where student speakers and refreshments followed.

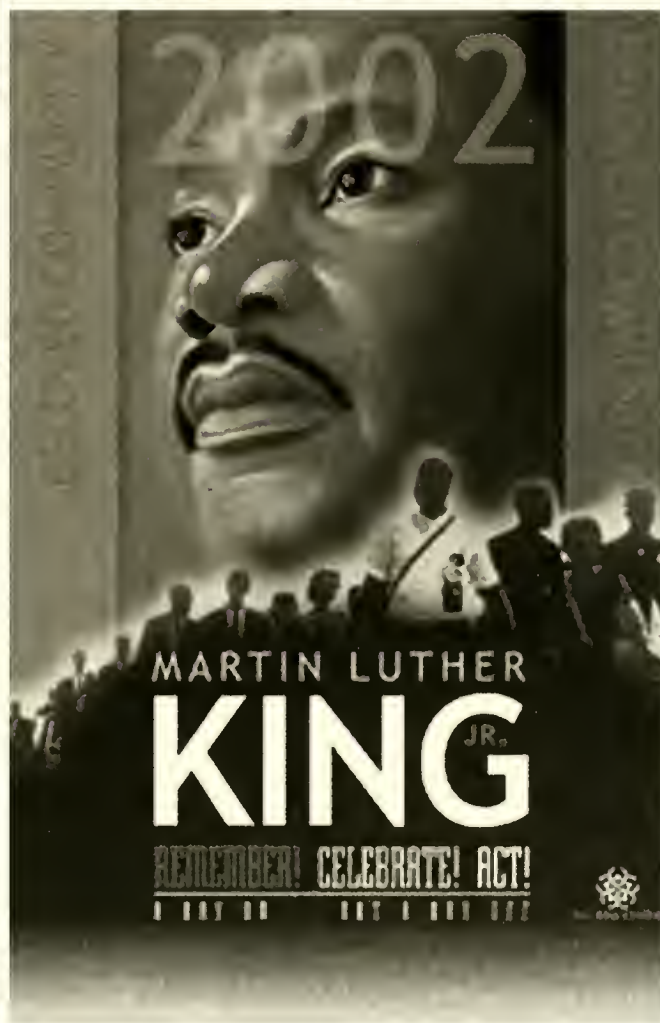
Bottom Right: Jermaine Perry supports the walk with his smile.



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

Martin Luther King, Jr., Nobel Prize acceptance speech, Stockholm, Sweden, December 11, 1964.



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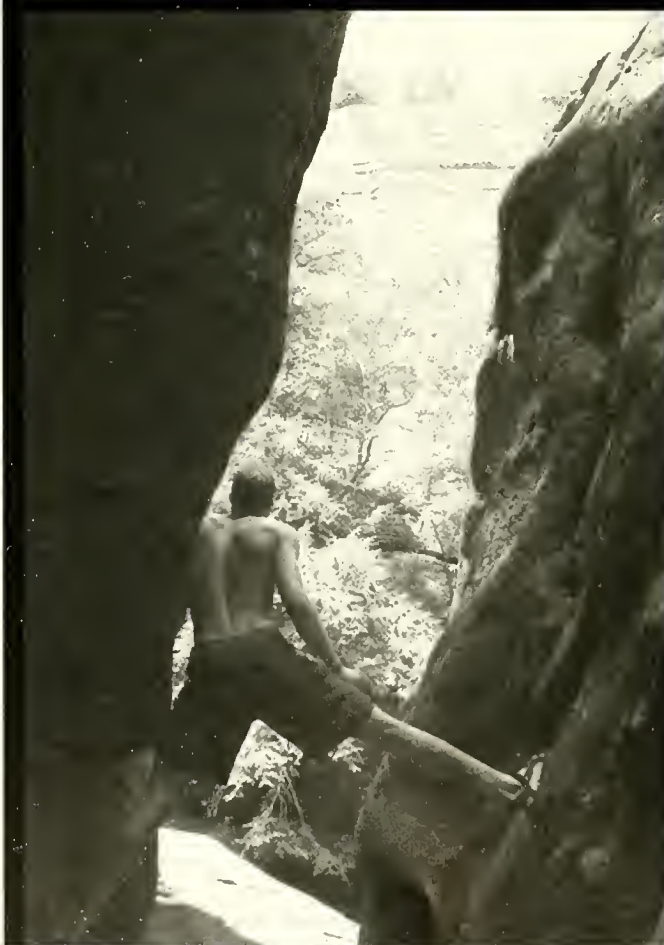




Western North Carolina is one of the most scenic areas in the country. It bounds with majestic mountain views and clear cool streams, providing many opportunities to participate in outdoor activities. Many students choose to come to WCU because of its surrounding mountainous terrain.

The University Center offers a variety of well-planned and exciting trips including kayaking, canoeing, white water rafting, rock climbing, caving, hiking and camping.

Whether you're into an afternoon of rafting on the exciting Nantahala River, or a nice scenic hike to a waterfall, the UC can take care of all your needs. They also provide an outdoor equipment rental service.





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FRIENDLY FACES AROUND CAMPUS...



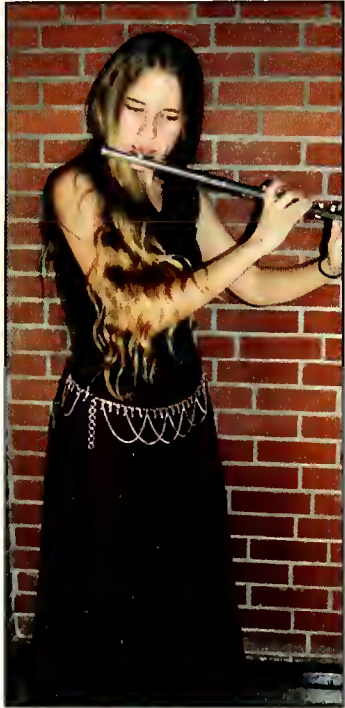


SMILE FOR THE CAMERA...





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THEATRE

2001 SEASON

Blithe Spirit

The University Players and the Communication & Theatre Arts Department presented **Blithe Spirit** by Noel Coward.

"If you have half the fun tonight that we have had preparing this treat, your sides will ache when you leave."

-Director Stephen Michael Ayers



Above: Ruth Condomine (Serenity Richards)

Top Left: Elvira (Katherine Barron)

Left: Madame Arcati (Bobbi Baker), Ruth, and Violet Bradman (Bridget Fitzgerald)

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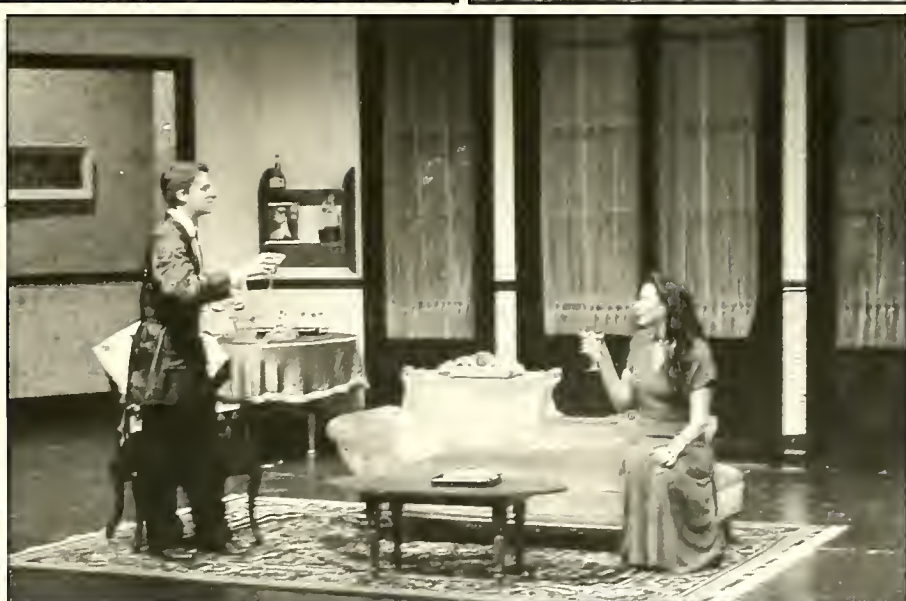
Top Left: Elvira and Madame Arcati

Center Left: Ruth, Elvira, and Charles Condomine (Michael Wannagot)

Center Right: Edith (Ashleigh Sumner)

Bottom Left: Madame Arcati and Ruth

Bottom Right: Charles and Ruth Condomine



THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW



Above: Brad Majors (Daniel Weger) and Janet Weiss (Emily-Anne Wood) with the Phantoms.

Left: Brad and Janet watch as Riff-Raff (Bobbi Baker) and Columbia (Courtney Becknell) revolt against Frank-n-Furter (R. Kevin Billings).

Top Left: Brad finally gets it.

Center: Frank-n-Furter in the flesh.

Top Right: Columbia, Riff-Raff, and Magenta (Serenity Richards).

It's just a jump... *...to the left*

Richard O'Brien's **The Rocky Horror Show** was presented by the University Players, the Department of Communication & Theatre Arts, and the Department of Music. The production was directed by Dr. Richard S. Beam, and choreographed by Charity Moon. Music Director James Maroney led band members Shawna Solito, Jacob Keller, James "Moose" Solito, Ryan Knowles, and Jamie Krolick.

"I've wanted to do this one for a long time." -R.S. Beam



TIMELINE

Timeline is an original production written and directed by Bobb Baker, and produced by the Black Theatre Ensemble (BTE).

BTE has a rich tradition of creating performances that highlight the African-American experience and contribute to the cultural enrichment of Western Carolina.

Left: Benetta Boyd and Ashlyn Little getting ready for opening night.

Below: Before curtain, things are quiet and tense in the dressing room.



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Right: Opening night! Josh Sellers, Shameika Marshall, Bobbi Baker, and Maleisha Medlin.

Below: Ronetta Burgess, a dancer in *Timeline*, takes a minute to dazzle us with her beautiful smile.



A FEW GOOD MEN



The University Players and the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts presented **A Few Good Men** during the 2001 season. Written by Aaron Sorkin and directed by Stephen Michael Ayer, the actors agreed to get buzz cuts in order to look the part.

Left: Lt. Cmdr. Joanne Galloway (Bobbi Baker) and Capt. Isaac Whitaker (Clint Matthews) discuss important matters.

Bottom Left: Lt. Daniel Kaffee (Sean Bridgers, standing) does what he can to get information out of Lt. Jonathan Kendrick (Josh Ellis).

Below: Capt. Matthew Markinson (Terry Nienhuis) reflects during a crucial moment.





Above: Col. Nathan Jessep (Steve Carlisle, left), Lt. Jonathan Kendrick (Josh Ellis, standing), and Lt. Daniel Kaffee (Sean Bridgers, seated).

Top Left: Col. Nathan Jessep (Steve Carlisle, left) and Capt. Matthew Markinson.

Right: Cpl. Tom Howard (Scott Needham, seated), Capt. Jack Ross (Adam Taylor-Nestlerode, standing), seated rear L-R: Daniel Weger, Clint Matthews, and Josh Ellis.

The Diary of Anne Frank



The University Players presented **The Diary of Anne Frank**. A Play of Our Time...by Francis Goodrich & Albert Hackett, newly adapted by Wendy Kesselman. Directed by Steve Carlisle, the play was produced by permission of Dramatists Play Services Inc.

"We hope to show Anne Frank's strengths in this show, her passion for life, her joys and her sorrows."

-Director Steve Carlisle

Left: Anne Frank (Jessica Compton) records an entry in her journal.

Right: The family and friends are led away at the end of the play.

Below: Cast & Crew

Right Page:

Top Left: Curtain call

Top Right: The Gestapo bust

Center Left: The arrival

Center Right: Anne listens to a music box with her family, L-R: Edith (Sasha Navaro), Otto (Daniel Weger), and Margot (Cherie Vass).

Bottom: Hanukkah celebration





ASL TRIP TO HIGH MUSEUM



The Art Student League traveled to the High Museum in Atlanta to see the Renoir and Edvard Munch exhibits. The Munch exhibit, "*After the Scream: The Late Paintings of Edvard Munch*" was the only U.S. venue of his work. The exhibit included 62 of Munch's paintings and focused on his latter works painted in Norway.

NATURE'S CLASSROOM

Students from Gil Martin's painting class met at nearby East LaPorte Park on the Tuckaseegee River. The task was to paint scenery. Sounds easy enough. However, there was one stipulation. Students had to paint scenery with colors



not representative of the actual view. There were purple rivers and blue trees. It was interesting to see natural surroundings in a different light, or color rather, and students had a great time.



L-R from top row: Instructor Gil Martin gives advice to Becca "Lecca" Johnson. Melissa Bryson, Charlie Harshman, Katy Wyatt, Leticia Riddle, Whitney Woods, and David Mason.

STUDENT ARTWORK



Left: Charlie Harshman's sculpture (a 7 1/2 foot papier mache penis) shook up the campus for over a week after it was displayed. The artwork disappeared mysteriously but was back in place soon enough to be included in the student exhibit in Belk. The *Western Carolinian* wrote an article about it, and students wrote letters to the editor.

Below: MaAron Cabe peers into the world of another student's artwork.



Below: A few of Lee Smith's self-portraits that graced the walls of Belk.





DOGHOUSE



Above and Below: Students were full of creative ideas when making benches for an art class.



INNOVATION



ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Suzanne Montgomery



Above: During her stay at Western, Suzanne Montgomery gave a slide show on her work, demonstrated drawing techniques to art students, offered critiques of student work, and gave a lecture on "A View from the Inside: Art of the Insane in a Socio-Political Context."

The WCU Department of Art, with the support of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs, sponsored an Artists-in-Residence Program that brought five outstanding visual artists to Western's campus this past academic year. Artists participating in the program but not pictured here include sculptors John Outterbridge, Steven Siegal, and painter Ying Li.



Who are these fine artists?

Suzanne Montgomery is a contemporary painter born in Northern Ireland, educated in England, and now living and working in the United States. Ms. Montgomery studied at Newcastle University, U.K., and at Parsons School of Design in New York City.

Jeff Oestreich is a studio potter from Taylors Falls, MN. Oestreich has conducted workshops throughout the U.S., and in Australia, Venezuela, New Zealand, Canada, and the U.K. He is the recipient of both the National Endowment for the Arts and McKnight fellowship awards.

Below: Students and faculty members watch Jeff Oestreich during one of his demonstrations in the clay studio. He finished his stay at Western with a slide lecture on his own work.



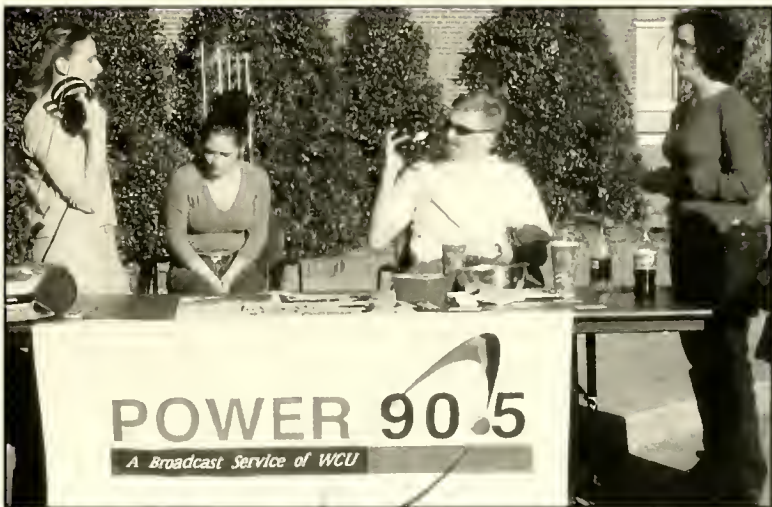
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Student Government Association



Above: Student Government Association President Jesse Lyons speaking at the SGA Retreat in Asheville.

"We the students, of Western Carolina University (WCU), for the preservation of our liberties, rights and well-being as a people and a university, do hereby assemble ourselves together for the purpose of governance and for the promoting of welfare of the students as the WCU Student Government Association (WCU-SGA). The enumeration of this constitution of certain powers, duties, and privileges, shall not be meant to diminish or deny others that are traditionally exercised, performed, or enjoyed by the Student Government, its officers, departments, and students. We hereby ordain and ratify this constitution toward the better service of the students of WCU."

- Preamble of the WCU-SGA Constitution



A group of Student Government Association members sit out in the hallway to discuss matters before the meeting.



Above: Jared Wilkins - Senator, and Anita Pardo - Director of Multicultural Affairs/Programming.

An integral component of the student body at WCU, the Student Government Association (SGA) promotes students' interests while acting as a liaison to the administration. In providing other services to the university community, including funding various clubs and organizations, the SGA relies on the input of active students who exercise their right to participate in student government. The SGA is composed of executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The president, vice president, and their staff compose the executive branch; a thirty-three member student senate composes the legislative branch.



Dr. Robert Caruso, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, appeared as a guest speaker at the SGA Retreat.

SGA Retreat - On Sunday, October 21, 2001 members of SGA went to the Holiday Inn Sunspree in Asheville, NC for their annual retreat. Jesse Lyons, SGA President, introduced keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Caruso, who then spoke about future plans for the UC II. David Chesley, Chief of Staff, spoke about the structure of SGA and encouraged students to get involved. Members of SGA then broke away from business for a nice dinner at TGI Fridays. Following dinner, students returned to discuss methods that would be helpful in improving SGA and how they could be more effective for the university

as a whole. This session gave students a wonderful opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns, and suggestions for future SGA improvement. On Monday, October 22, 2001, students returned to hear David Whitaker speak about his personal experiences with SGA. Jenni Giles, Director of Communications, ended the retreat with a final presentation.



Stephen Hall gave a presentation during the retreat.

O rganization of Ebony Students

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Front Row: Rhonda Izzard, Jermaine Perry, Saretta Tatum, Marcella Crocker, Holly Wilson, Karen Kim, and Gralin Berry
Back Row: Melissa Ishage, Danita Johnson, John Cloward, Jamilla Scott, Pat Himes, R. Todd Powell, David Grimball, Justin Brooks, Jared Wilkins, Lex Davis, and LaTosha Jamison.



Justin Brooks-Treasurer, Lex Davis-Vice President, Rhonda Izzard-Secretary, Saretta Tatum-President, Holly Wilson-Freshman Rep., Jared Wilkins-Mr. OES

The Organization of Ebony Students (O.E.S.) is an organization established for the African-American students at Western Carolina University. The organization was founded at WCU in 1968 as the Black Students United for Liberation. In 1973 the organization changed its name to the Organization of Ebony Students. It was established to promote unity among African-American students and to provide activities and events that pertain to our culture.

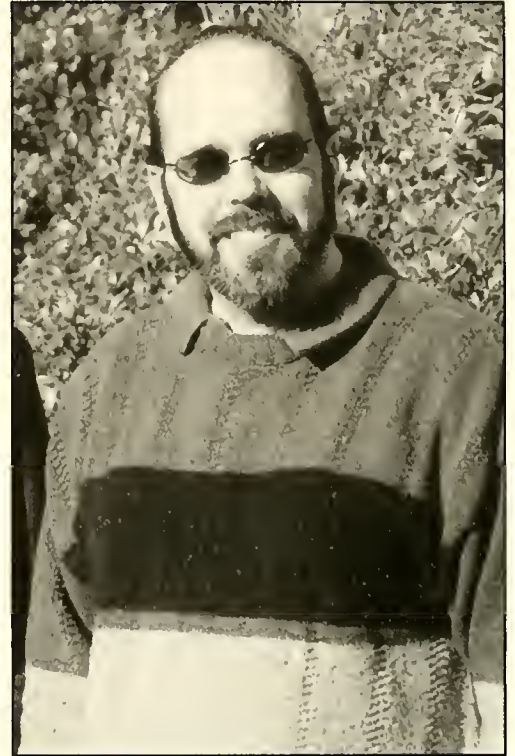
O.E.S. is the umbrella for all African-American organizations on campus. Some of these organizations include the Black Theatre Ensemble, Project C.A.R.E., Western's B.E.S.T., the WCU Inspirational Choir, and the National Panhellenic Council.

O.E.S. sponsors a variety of events on campus. These events include annual Stompfest, Kwanzaa, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Black Awareness Week, 3-on-3 basketball, Black Expose, and the African-American Student Showcase. O.E.S. also sponsors guest speakers seminars, cookouts, and parties.

NOMAD

Nomad is Western Carolina University's art and literary magazine. It showcases art, poetry, plays, short stories, and creative non-fiction submitted by students, faculty, and staff. *Nomad* is made possible through the collaboration between the English and Art departments. This annual publication accepts submissions in the fall and is released in the spring.

Nomad is part of the Student Media Board, which represents the campus leaders in communications and print media.



Dr. Jubal Tiner - Advisor

Below: Karl Dune, Susan Montalban - Fall Editor, Heather Kelly - Spring Editor, and Bryan Hackney.



NOMAD

Staff members not pictured include:

Melissa Dills
Emily Wilson
Bethany Rice
Lauren Poston
Terri Collins
Jen Claiborne
Jeff Adkins
Tony Christopher
Gretchen Johnston

Art Student's League

The ASL (Art Student's League) is a social and service club in the Art Department. Our goal has been to bring art students together to give students a voice, not only in the department, but also in the administration. We plan educational trips to regional museums for exhibits and put on the annual student art show, which occurs each April of the school year. This year for spring break, 10 students will be going to New York and Washington D.C. to see not only the works of the great masters, but also the contemporary art scene. Our advisor is Professor Patricia Bailey. Her support has helped us make all of our plans possible.



Members of the Art Student's League take a quick break during the Renoir and Munch exhibits at the High Museum in Atlanta.



Art Student's League President - Charlie Harshman

Art Student's League Officers

Charlie Harshman - President

Alison Holley - Vice President

Karen Johnson - Treasurer

Amelia Roehme - Secretary

Patricia Bailey - Advisor

National Art *E*ducators Association



Left: ASL and NAEA members working together at a football game to sell goodies for a fundraiser.



Above: Helen Haupt - President, and Katy Wyatt - Vice President, pose for a picture in the art education classroom.



Above: ASL and NAEA in the "Artmobile" selling goodies at a football game.

NAEA - The National Art Educators Association chapter at Western Carolina University includes members who wish to be involved with Art Education as a future profession. NAEA is responsible for the yearly "Youth Art Month" shows. Members of NAEA also participate in state and national conferences each year.

NAEA Officers:

Helen Haupt - President
Katy Wyatt - Vice President
Katie Murphy - Treasurer
Michelle Lee - Secretary

Black Theatre Ensemble

The Black Theatre Ensemble (BTE) of Western Carolina University has a rich tradition of creating performances that highlight the African-American experience and contribute to the cultural enrichment of WCU. The African-American experience is expressed through stage, film, and television performances. Its audiences reflect that diversity: elementary and high school students, teachers, working parents, the military, senior citizens, churches, and civic and social organizations. The ensemble has performed in the Carolinas, Indiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and in many different venues, from full-stage productions to highly mobile and easily transportable one-act plays. BTE has produced two performances a year since 1986.

In the fall of 2001, BTE produced *TIMELINE*, an original production written and directed by Bob Baker. The spring 2002 production was *AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'* - a show which brought to life the rich musical history of Harlem in the 30's and 40's.





The club includes international students and all other members of the campus and community who wish to promote international understanding, cooperation, and fellowship.



I N T E R N A T I O N A L C L U B

Western Carolinian



Editor-In-Chief Seth R. Sams

Seth Sams is in his second term as Editor-In-Chief, and is also responsible for operating the web-edition. Sams has worked at the newspaper for almost six years and has worked in a number of positions, including Staff Writer and Photographer, Photography Editor, News Editor and Managing Editor.

For over 50 years, the Western Carolinian has been the independent voice of Western Carolina University and its community. Managed and operated entirely by students, the Western Carolinian provides news and entertainment articles for the WCU community, while providing valuable experience for students. Student writers are coached by other staff members and by Western Carolina Advisor John Moore, Associate Professor of Communications. The Western Carolinian offers various volunteer, paid and work study positions. In 2001, 12 students worked to produce the Western Carolinian. Bottom left, News Editor Samantha Helms has worked for the Carolinian for over two years and has also been News Writer and Assistant News Editor. Bottom middle, Assistant Editor Dawn Pasley has also worked as News Writer, Photographer, Assistant News Editor, and News Editor. Bottom right, Sports Editor Cory Habicht has also worked as Sports Writer and Assistant Sports Editor. He strives to bring WCU "totally biased Catamount coverage!"

Staff members not pictured include: Advertising Manager Allison Henson, Layout Editor Craig Shapley, and Features Editor Erin Newsom. Staff writers include Melissa Ishage, Sean Bilichka, Le Schwarz, and Chris Holland.

To submit letters to the Editor, visit the website at www.WesternCarolinian.com



News Editor Samantha Helms



Assistant Editor Dawn Pasley



Sports Editor Cory Habicht

Student *Media Board*



Back Row: Catamount Yearbook Editor Lori Turnipseed Smith, Catamount Communications Director Britt Billings, Catamount Yearbook Advisor Dr. Newton Smith, Catamount Communications Advisor Dr. John Slater, Department Head of Communications and Theatre Arts Dr. Kathleen Wright, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Robert Caruso, and Office Assistant Gena Smith.
Front Row: Western Carolinian Advisor John Moore, Western Carolinian Editor Seth Sams, WWCU-FM General Manager Brad Snyder, and WWCU-FM Advisor Dr. Don Connelly.

The campus media organizations are all members of the Student Media Board. The Media Board consists of the media leader and faculty advisor for each of the five organizations, as well as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the Department Head of Communication and Theatre Arts.

The board meets monthly to discuss various issues in all the media applications on campus.



The Student Media Board reviewing applications prior to interviewing the candidates for the 2002 media leader positions.



Students at WCU have many opportunities to participate in the campus media.

The WCU media organizations are:

The Western Carolinian

The Catamount Yearbook

WWCU-FM Power 90.5

Catamount Communications

Nomad Art and Literary Magazine

PRSSA: Public Relations Student Society Association and Catamount Communications



L-R: Rachel Newcomb - Treasurer, Christy Deavers - Secretary, Sara White - President, Hannah Bryson - PR Director, Britt Billings - Catamount Communications.

PRSSA and **Catamount Communications** are the national pre-professional organizations for students interested in pursuing careers in the public relations and communication industries. Members receive information about internships and job opportunities, network with professionals, attend regional and national conferences, and receive a monthly newsletter. Membership is open to all students regardless of major.



Back Row: Stephanie Nixa, Alison Hargett, Emmy King, McKinley Rexrode, Hannah Bryson, and Britt Billings.

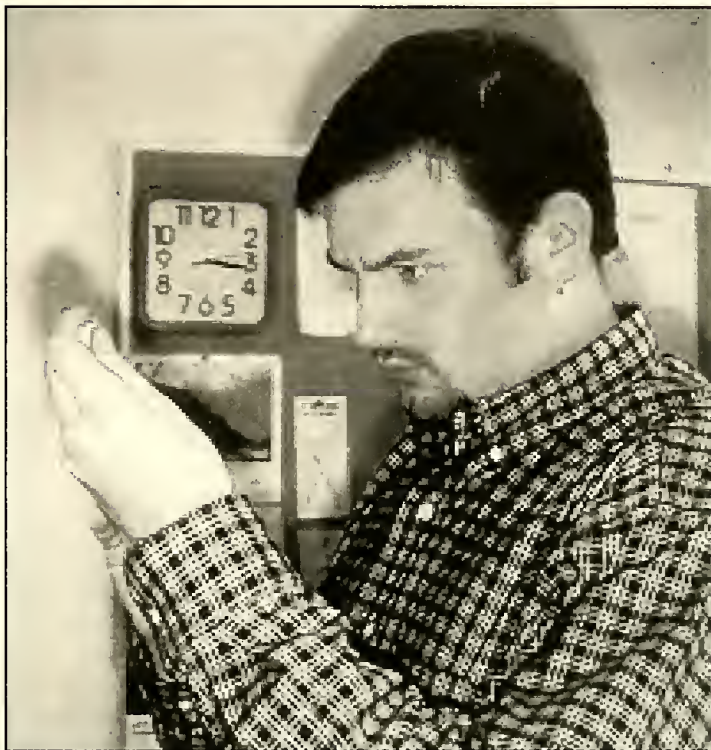
2nd Row: Sara White, Christy Deavers, Reagan Sapp, Jennifer Strauther, and Kelly Murtough.

3rd Row: David Mitcham, Alex Muss, Caroline Johnson, Rachel Newcomb, and Brandie Huffman.

SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Honor Society of Nursing

Western Carolina University is the home of the Eta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing. Potential chapter members are invited for the induction from WCU's Nursing Programs and nurse leaders are chosen from the community at large. This organization encourages and supports leadership, excellence, and research in the professional field of nursing. Those invited are offered an opportunity to join a progressive organization that encourages healthy professional growth and acknowledges leadership skills. Sigma Theta Tau International also recognizes chapter member achievements, especially those related to philanthropic efforts in the chapter's local community. Eta Psi Chapter will be receiving a Philanthropic Award at this November's 36th Sigma Theta Tau International Biennial Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The award is for the Eta Psi community project of a wellness focused nurses clinic that was started and continues to be maintained in an area homeless shelter. The society has a global view and understands the tremendous tasks that face many nurses worldwide and in the United States. It recognizes the importance of contributions made by each member of each chapter to the community in which the chapter exists and members live.



WCU Nursing students help at the Eta Psi Homeless Clinic. They gain an understanding of the needs of the homeless population and improve nursing skills.



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An Eta Psi clinic nurse examines a shelter guest.

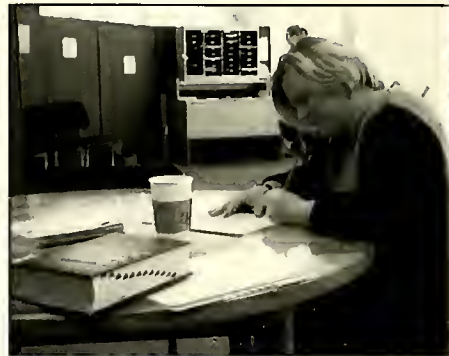
THE WRITING CENTER



Matt helps a student draw the connection from a 1920's one-armed, blind acoustic blues artist to the invention of a palm pilot.



The writing never stops at the Writing Center. When we're not working with other people's papers, we're working on our own.



Natascha fills out a client evaluation form with the help of her trusty cup of coffee.



Naci tries to work a client into our busy schedule.



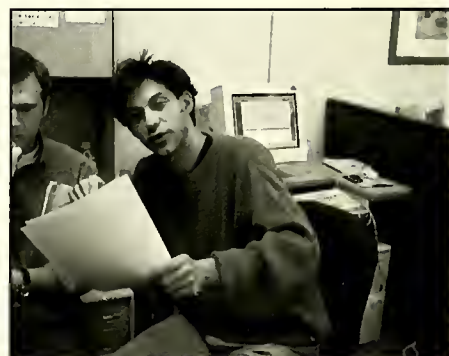
Jeff breaks it down...
APA style.



Stephen helps a student with her paper, although...it does look like he's just scribbling all over her paper.



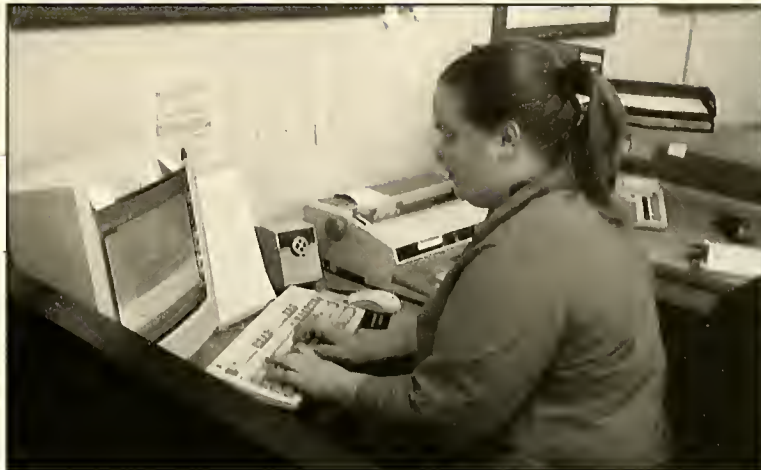
When we're not hard at work reading papers, we watch each other take self-portraits.



Nick shares a student's deep thought with the other tutors. It looks like James has fallen asleep.



When she's not playing online computer games, Kelly is hard at work building our clientel...or is she talking to her roommate?



Christina enters classified Writing Center information into our database.



James is our computer guy and Republican. He's the one who keeps our website informative, yet fashionable.



Writing Center Director Barbara Hardie prepares her fearless troop of receptionists for battle on the front line.



Jason berates yet another poor soul on her lack of style.



Jeff and Stephen, the Writin' Centa Thugz.

Disclaimer: The staff at the Writing Center is friendly, humble, and more than willing to help you with any problems that may occur while writing a paper. We are not vain, condescending, or thuggish.

Western Carolina University

BGLAD

Believe it or not, queer history is for everyone. We all need positive role models. Yet, too often historical figures are assumed to have been straight or heterosexual. That is a naive assumption and the line of thinking generated and maintained by our close-minded society. As a result, little has changed and intolerance continues to thrive. BGLAD hopes to do its part in altering a bit of history, today.

BGLAD is an acronym for "Bi's, Gays, and Lesbians Allied for Diversity." As an organization BGLAD has attempted to reach out not only to homosexuals, but also to the entire community. The hope is that all students will feel free to be themselves in any situation here at WCU, whether it be in our places of residence, classrooms, or at social functions.



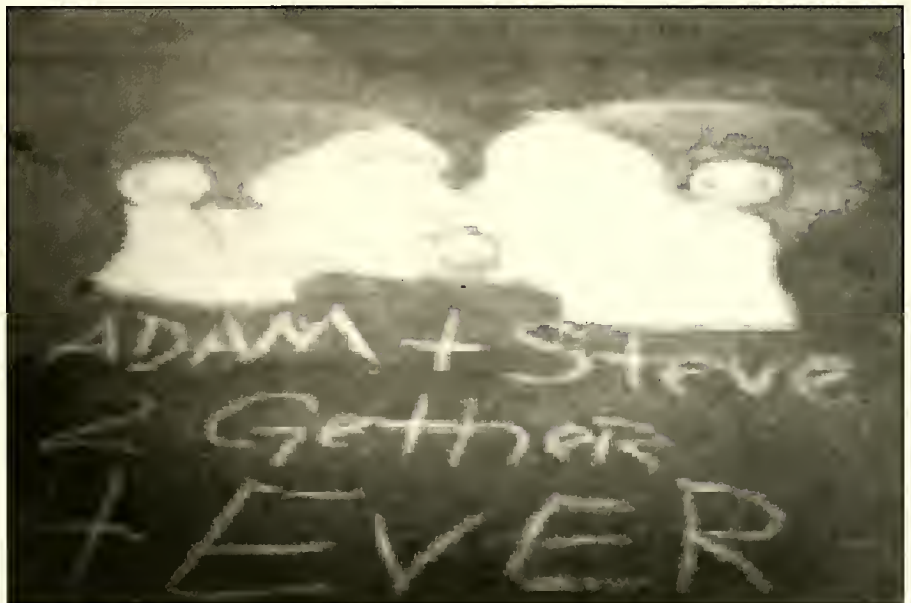
Above: This is merely representational. We are here. Some of us are obvious, some of us are not.
We are your roommates, peers, and friends.



Those who wish to help
make a difference or
who just need a little
support, please look up
our website at
www3.wcu.edu/
~BGLAD
to contact us.

Above: Students offered support by wearing the diversity ribbons that were handed out at the U.C.
Below: Chalk drawings caused controversy on the sidewalk leading to the U.C.

Everyone has a need for acceptance. Unfortunately, not everyone understands that fact. On October 11, 2001 (National Coming Out Day), individuals who would rather have their homosexual friends remain closeted in order to spare themselves from the change that is always uncomfortable but necessary exposed members of BGLAD and their supporters to



the ugliness of hatred. Closets are horrible places to live. Optimism, however, prevailed and a few students were better educated about the plight of those who try to live and succeed in a society that would rather see them silenced. BGLAD seeks to show that silence equals death: death of self, death of individual, and ultimately, death of the movement to create an accepting and peaceful world.



Junior Level Students

Clinical Lab Sciences Club

This club provides members an opportunity to learn more about Clinical Laboratory Sciences as a major. It also allows for networking with CLS majors and faculty. Any student may join.

Senior Level Students



Recreational Therapy Association



RTA is open to all majors. Its goal is to promote public awareness of the benefits of using recreational and other activities to treat clients; it also promotes the importance of establishing and maintaining a balanced lifestyle.

Top Row: Samantha Shaver-President, Kim Griffin-Vice President, Christy Cobb-Treasurer, and Kristen Bryan-Phoenix Editor.
Bottom Row: Nikki Benfield-Secretary, Jennifer Webb - Phoenix Editor, and Robyn Willard-Historian.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

The Lutheran Ministry offers opportunities to see through the struggles and challenges of life and to grow in the Christian faith.



1st Row: Sarah Badger, Julie Jenkins, and Tamara Huffman. **2nd Row:** Shirley Kelley, Lisa Mummer, and Marc Costner.
3rd Row: Michael Smith, and Reuben Kotila. **4th Row:** Pastor Timothy Rall, and Anthony Bollinger.



“To unite and represent the Asian American student body of Western Carolina University. To build and strengthen the unity and awareness of Asian American culture in Cullowhee, North Carolina. To increase awareness of our diverse language, culture, and history through hosting social events, educational events, cultural events, and university and community service. To encourage growth of leadership, friendship, and kinship. To exchange knowledge and help other students in higher education. To extend friendship to other clubs and organizations.” - *ASA's Mission Statement.*

All students of Western Carolina University are welcome to join the ASA and hold officer positions. Non-students of WCU are welcome to join the organization and attend all meetings and functions of ASA.

OFFICERS:

President - Mina Bouakhamphong
 Vice President - Karen Kim
 Treasurer - Ashley Britt
 Secretary - Susan Montalban
 Social Chair - Tommy Carver
 Service Chair - Michael McGlone
 Advertising Chair - JR Reed
 Fundraising Chair - Lex Davis
 Advisor - Jane Adams-Dunford
 Web Site Administrator - Michael McGlone



Founders: Mina Bouakhamphong, Leon Chou, Katie Spear, Karen Kim.

In the spring of 2000, WCU student, Katie Spear approached Jane Adams-Dunford, the Director of Multicultural Affairs, about the need for an Asian Students Association on campus. Among other minority student groups that were already active at WCU were the Organization of Ebony Students, and the Native American Students Association. A Hispanic students organization, called La Vox Latino, had just recently been established, and the Jewish Student Organization was in the process of forming.

In the fall of 2000, Katie and Mrs. Adams-Dunford undertook the beginning stages of forming the Asian Students Association. After mail-outs,

flyers, and an Asian mixer, they were joined by another WCU student, Leon Chou. Several more meetings and brainstorming sessions took place in the Office of Student Affairs. Soon Mina Bouakhamphong and Karen Kim expressed enthusiasm in ASA.

On October 25, 2000, the four students set up a recruitment table in the University Center and asked interested students to sign a petition for the formation of ASA on the campus of WCU. On November 9th and December 7th, the first meetings of the unofficial Asian Students Association came to order, and the goals for the organization and its purpose were planned and discussed.

Finally, in January 2001, the ASA Constitution and paperwork were completed and submitted to the Student Affairs and the Student Government Association, and ASA became an officially recognized student organization at Western Carolina University.



Left: ASA nominees for the 2001 Homecoming Court, Leon Chou and Katie Spear.

Above: Leon Chou, an ASA Founder, and Chris Nguyen.

THE CREATIVE

The Organization of Creative Writing hatched from the mind of Tony Christopher, Grand Exalted Poobah, and Tim Bleicki, Vice President, who conspired with Faculty Advisor Brian Railsback in October of 2000 to bring the monster to life. Once every week or so the organization confers for readings of individual creative writing endeavors and constructive workshops thereof. Reading selections from favorite published writers is also encouraged. The primary purpose of the club is, was, and remains to provide an encouraging and constructive environment for creative writers to share their work. The organization welcomes creative writers from the university and from the surrounding

Culowhee-Sylva-Dillsboro-and-anyone-willing-to-drive-farther-away-than-that community.

The organization is always a visible force at Poetry Slams, which they co-host with the English Club. Look for them in the round booth in the back corner of Illusions--you know, where the cat calls and insults to the judges are coming from. The organization spawns Poetry Slam participants in rare form, from James Hogan reading poetry in the style of Dr. Byer, to Bridget Fitzgerald, who can make the most sluggish feet stomp in time with her rhythmic narratives.



Top Left: Treasurer Brittany Harrison speaks on the finer points during a CWC meeting. Bottom: Dr. Brian Railsback - Advisor, and James Hogan - Secretary.



Above: Group shot at Whiteside Mtn. Below: The silhouette of Dr. Railsback standing on Whiteside Mtn.



Whether the organization is taking a hike up Whiteside Mountain to read on a windswept peak or sharing original work as a delegation of the Undergraduate Research Expo (and making funny hats out of the napkins during the Expo banquet), they are sure to be participating in the creative process. And there's nothing wrong with that as long as we have the same definitions of "creative."

WRITING CLUB

The Organization of Creative Writers made their debut appearance at the Tuckaseegee River Clean-Up in April 2000. In a move of incredible daring, the entire executive branch of the club confined themselves in one flimsy piece of rubber and risked life and limb to make the Tuck a cleaner, better place to drown. The trip was completed without incident! Unless, of course, you count treasurer Brittany Harrison's loss of her paddle to the rushing tide...or Tony and Dr. Railsback pulling the raft over to investigate a dilapidated old barn.



Above: Vice President Tim Bleicki

Below: Nial Anderson, Kellie Smith and Susan Montalban

Left: Johnny Mickel



WWCU-FM

POWER 90.5

A Broadcast Service of WCU



Brad Snyder, General Manager, co-host of the Morning Show, Production Person, and all around good guy... or at least that's what he'd like you to think.

Power 90.5 is a student-run radio contemporary hit radio station (during the daytime, anyway) serving the Jackson County area of Western North Carolina. After 8PM, Power 90.5 broadcasts many popular specialty shows such as Eargasm, the Late Night Crank, and Down Under. The station operates 24 hours a day and provides students an excellent opportunity for professional development in management, sales, on-air positions, sports programming, and operations. The student staff is composed of volunteers. A very limited number of paid student positions are available. Students are welcome to join regardless of major, background, or previous experience. Check out our website at www.wwcufm.com. If you move away from Jackson County, you can even listen online.



The guys of Sports Talk Live: Leighton Grant, Lloyd Van Horn, Charlie Bond, and Jason Carter.



The Lloyd: Program Director, co-host of Sports Talk Live, co-host of the Morning Show, host of Power Play, host of Classic Tuesdays, and Production Person. It's rumored that he actually lives in the station.



Bob, host of 80's @ 8. Somebody forgot to tell him that the Mohawk went out of style a long time ago.



Charlie Bond serving up the Power Lunch & Afternoon Snack.



Cara, Brett Barnes, and the gang do a special Valentine's Day live remote from the UC Lawn... oh, did I mention that they were giving away free stuff?



Will and Ellis initiate a new DJ. This is standard procedure. It makes them better DJs... really.



The man who makes all the free stuff possible, Billy Lockamy.



Jeff, one-half of In the Garage with Jeff & Eric. We don't know where Eric is, but Jeff looks pretty suspicious.



Judith Priest, the Funky Weather & Traffic woman, conducting an Eargasm exclusive interview with Prince. Yes, he is calling himself Prince again. Yes, we are aware that he isn't wearing any clothes. No, we don't know why. Judith isn't talking. I guess we'll have to wait for the book.



Rock versus Funk. Will, co-host of the Late Night Crank & a Production Person, and Ellis Dee, host of Eargasm & a Production Person. Despite differing opinions on a number of things, a general disregard for on-air etiquette, and constant hounding from the FCC, these guys also manage to do an All Request & Dedication Show. Over the course of one semester they "put to sleep" two phone answering monkeys. The ASPCA is currently investigating. Rest in peace Cheeky & Pebbles.

Last Minute

Last Minute Productions is a student-run organization that provides a wide range of programs, activities, and entertainment including concerts, movies, comedy nights, ski trips, shopping trips, and sporting events. It is open to any student.

The LMP office is located on the second floor of the University Center.

Back Row: Sabrina Stiles, Daniel Henderson, Chad Rayburn, Zack Terry, Melissa Tiska, Allen Taylor, and Dianne Barfoot
Front Row: Alisha Pendergrass, Kesha Gilliard, Jennifer Bishop, Chad Disharoon, and Diana Kaylor.



Productions



LMP Chairpersons: Michelle Lynch, Melissa Tiska, Kesha Gilliard, Sabrina Stiles, Dianne Barfoot, Diana Kaylor, and Alisha Pendergrass.

Below: Ludacris entertained students at the concert held in the Ramsey Center.



Browse through these pages and grasp an idea of how many events and functions LMP sponsors and promotes!



LMP Film Committee



Valley Bally Hoo crowd

LMP Continued



Karaoke at Up All Night!

Below: A crowd is in the midst of laughing at comedian Spanky which was held in the University Center.



Promotional pie eating contest for American Pie 2.

Below: 2 Skinny J's at Valley Bally Hoo in 2001.



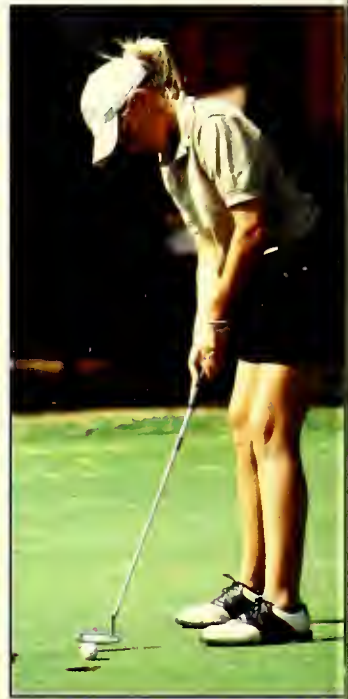
Left: Climbing spire at Up All Night.



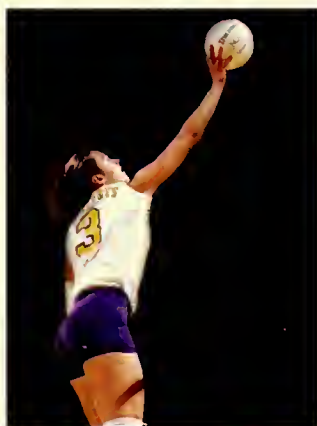
Above: LMP Staff

Special thanks to Ian Bondi and the Channel 62 staff.

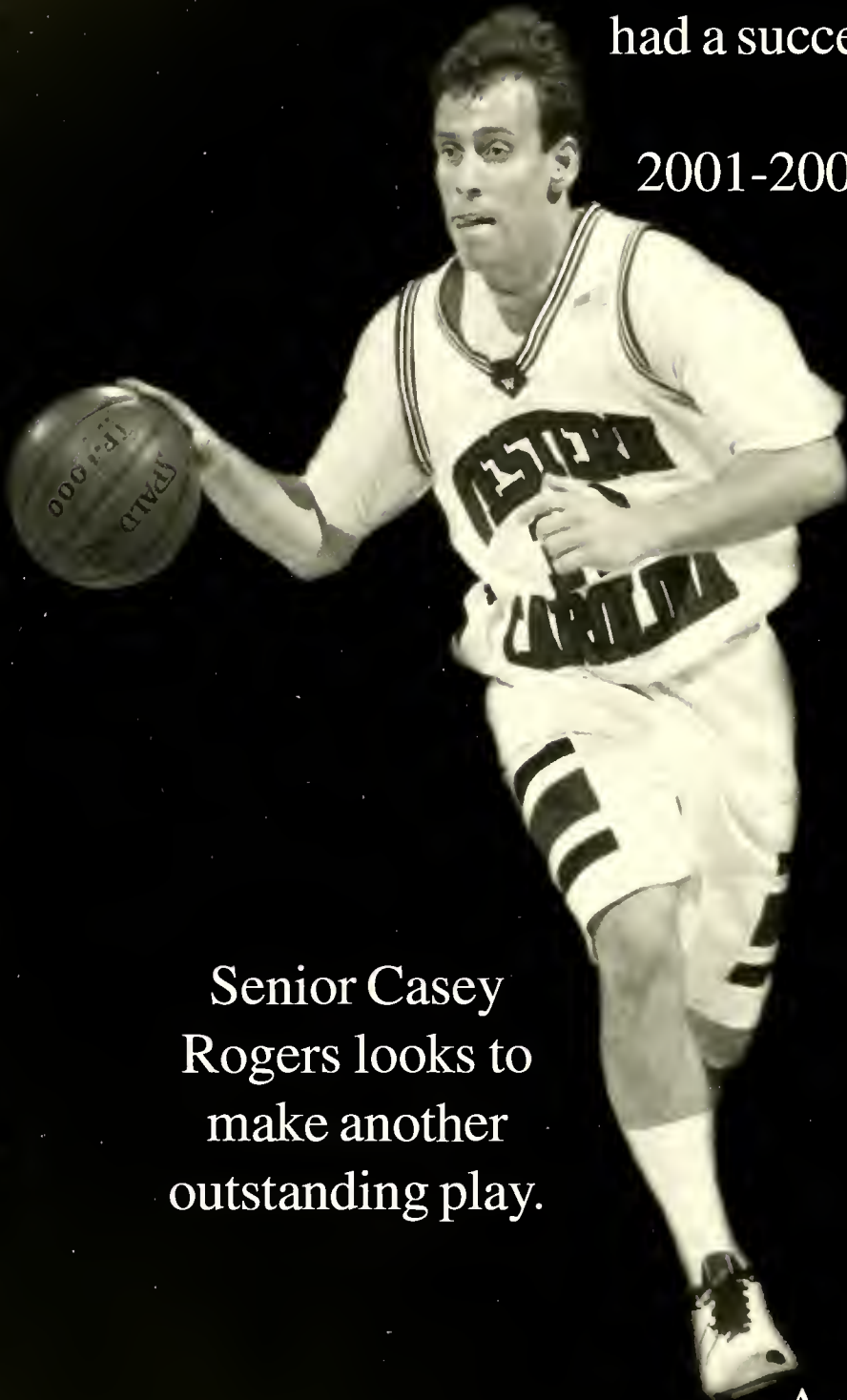
WESTERN'S



ATHLETICS



M E N' S B A S K E T B A L L



Senior Casey
Rogers looks to
make another
outstanding play.

The men's basketball team
had a successful season in
2001-2002. They had a
huge win over
ACC team
Florida State.
They also had
big wins over
Kansas State,
Furman, and
arch rival
Appalachian State.

These guys seem to be improving every year, and with the help of freshman phenom Kevin Martin, it looks like the only way to go is up.

Martin (below) has been named to National All-Freshman Team, honored by SoCon Media, and honored twice by Southern Conference Coaches.



Above: Forward Cory Largent goes in for the winning point. As a senior, Largent has demonstrated his talent since joining the team. He stands fifth on the WCU all-time list with 316 3-point attempts, and sixth with 115 3-pointers made.

CATAMOUNT

BASEBALL



**Left: Teammates give
each other the
winning high-fives.**

**These guys really
know how to work
together as a team.**

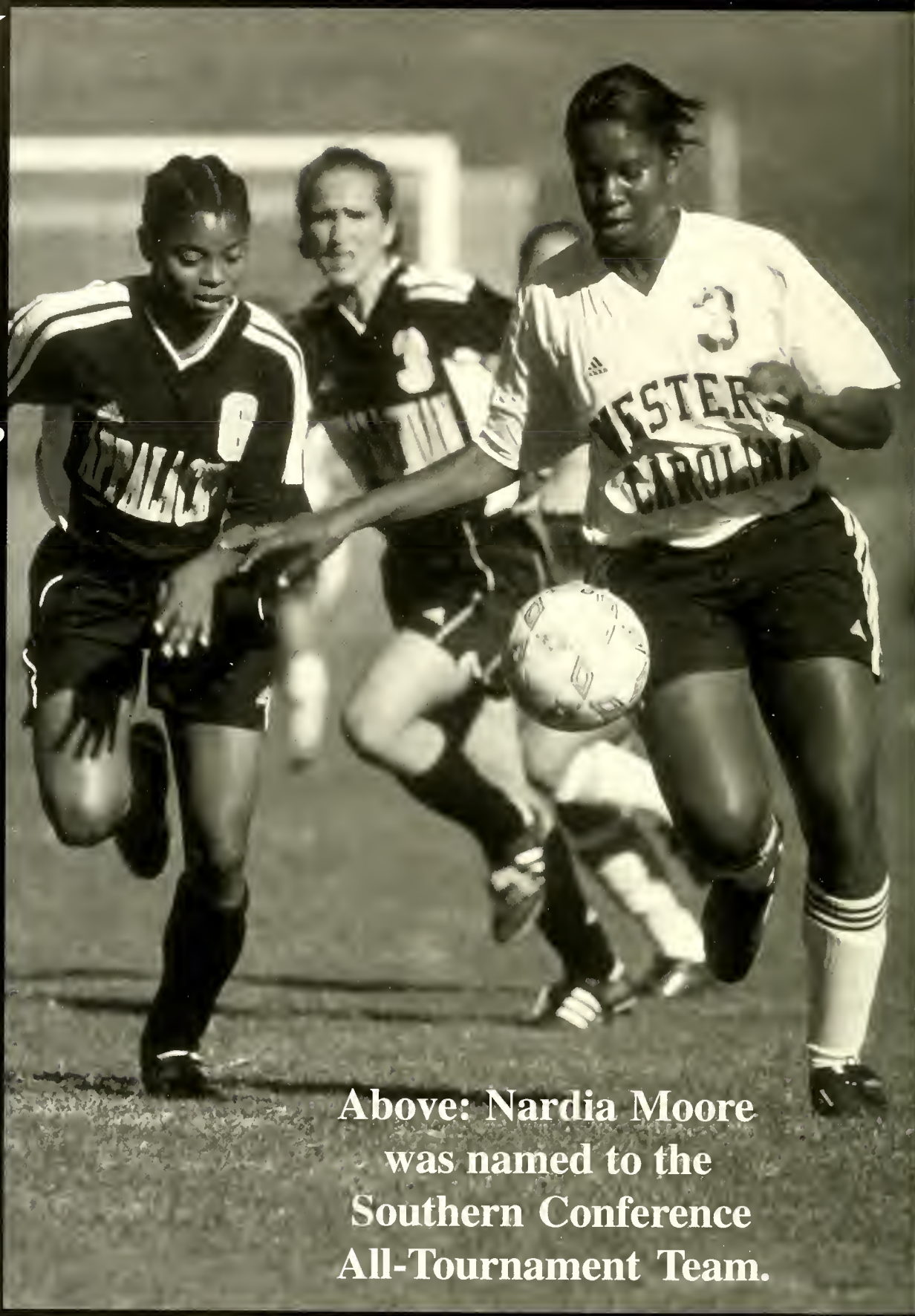


He's out!

**Above: There's
another strike
about to be
hurled by
pitcher Jared
Burton.**



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Above: Nardia Moore
was named to the
Southern Conference
All-Tournament Team.

**The Lady Cats
soccer team
continued to be
successful in the
2001-2002 season.**

**They gained big wins
over App-State and
UNCG. With good
recruiting, this team
will make it to the top!**



LET'S GO LADIES!



CATAMOUNT FOOTBALL





The Western Carolina men's football team had one of their best seasons in 2001. They ended the season with a very respectable 7-4 record, which included big wins over East Tennessee State and VMI.



With Geoff Collins (top left) as the new Head Coach, we look forward to more Cata-mount success in the future.

CATAMOUNT CHEERLEADERS



WCU Cheerleaders are a co-ed team and are part of Western's athletic program. They cheer at football games, as well as men's and women's basketball games. In one year, they climbed from 14th to 6th in the nation. Coaches are Kim Cherry and Charity Moon. Captains are Lindsay Morgan and Eddie Wells.



Above: WCU Cheerleaders L-R: Dave Mitcham, Lindsay Morgan (Captain), Sam Griener, Kelly Simes, Kim Cherry (Coach), Steve Portis, Eddie Wells (Captain), Alison Brooks, Mark Reed, Alyson Moyer, Adam Cook, Erin Mackie

Below: WCU Cheerleaders participated in a national competition in Daytona Beach, Florida. They are currently ranked 6th in the nation.



LADIES RUGBY



The Western Carolina ladies rugby team has risen from being virtually unknown to be conference contenders in just one year. These ladies have played much more experienced teams such as Duke, Clemson, and Chapel Hill and have done it successfully.

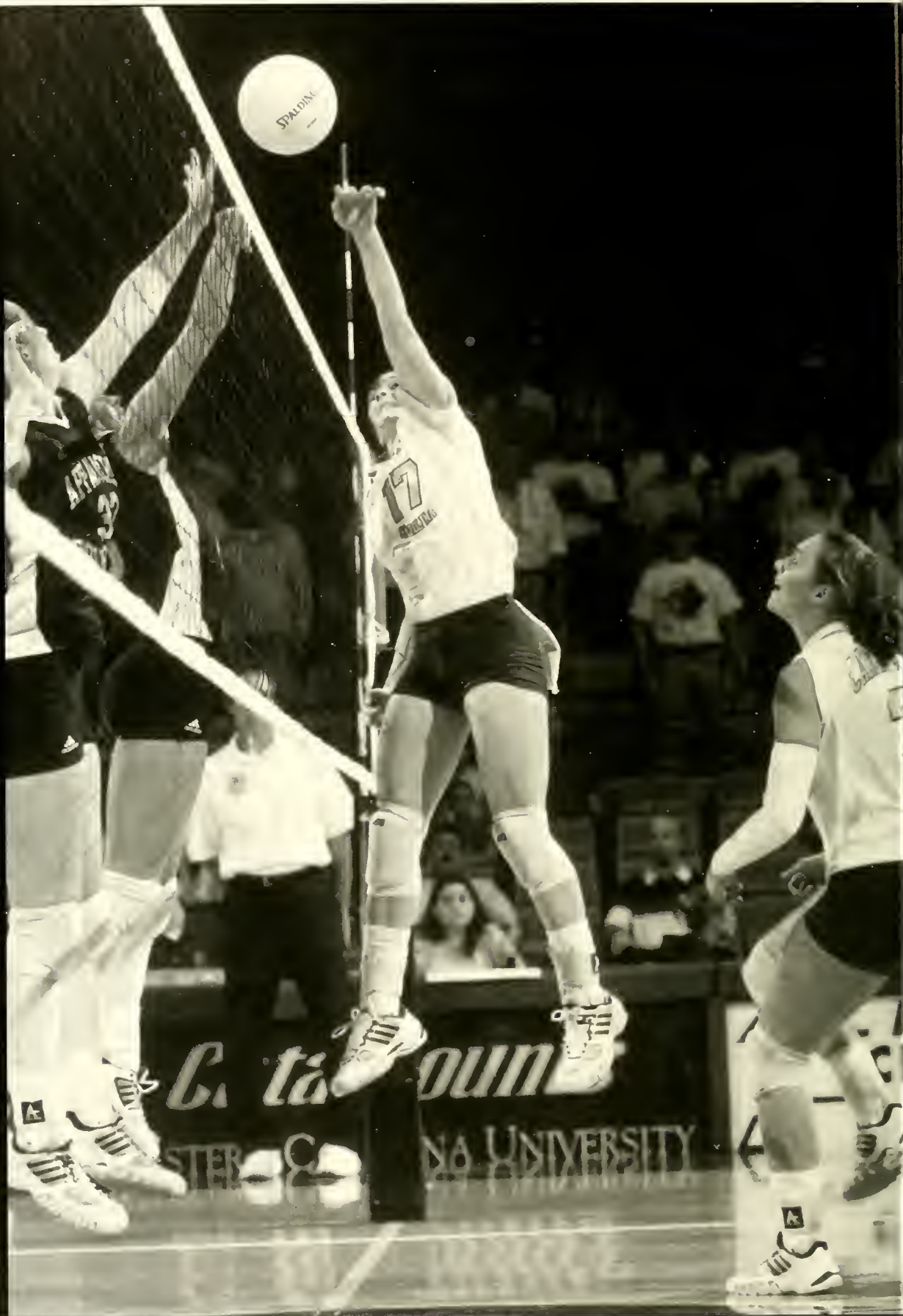
During the fall semester, the women's rugby team came into the All -State tournament ranked last in the collegiate bracket, and despite all odds, came out in third place behind powerhouses Chapel Hill and NC State.



These lady ruggers have
come a long way in a short
time. Western is optimistic
about the future of these
hardworking ladies.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



The women's volleyball 2001 record was 21-11 overall and 15-5 in the Southern Conference to tie for second in the league. This season marks Western's fourth consecutive 20-win season, which ties a school record for consecutive 20-win campaigns.

The team is looking for another great season with the help of Christy Attebery (volleying below), who was named to the AVCA All-Southern Region Team.



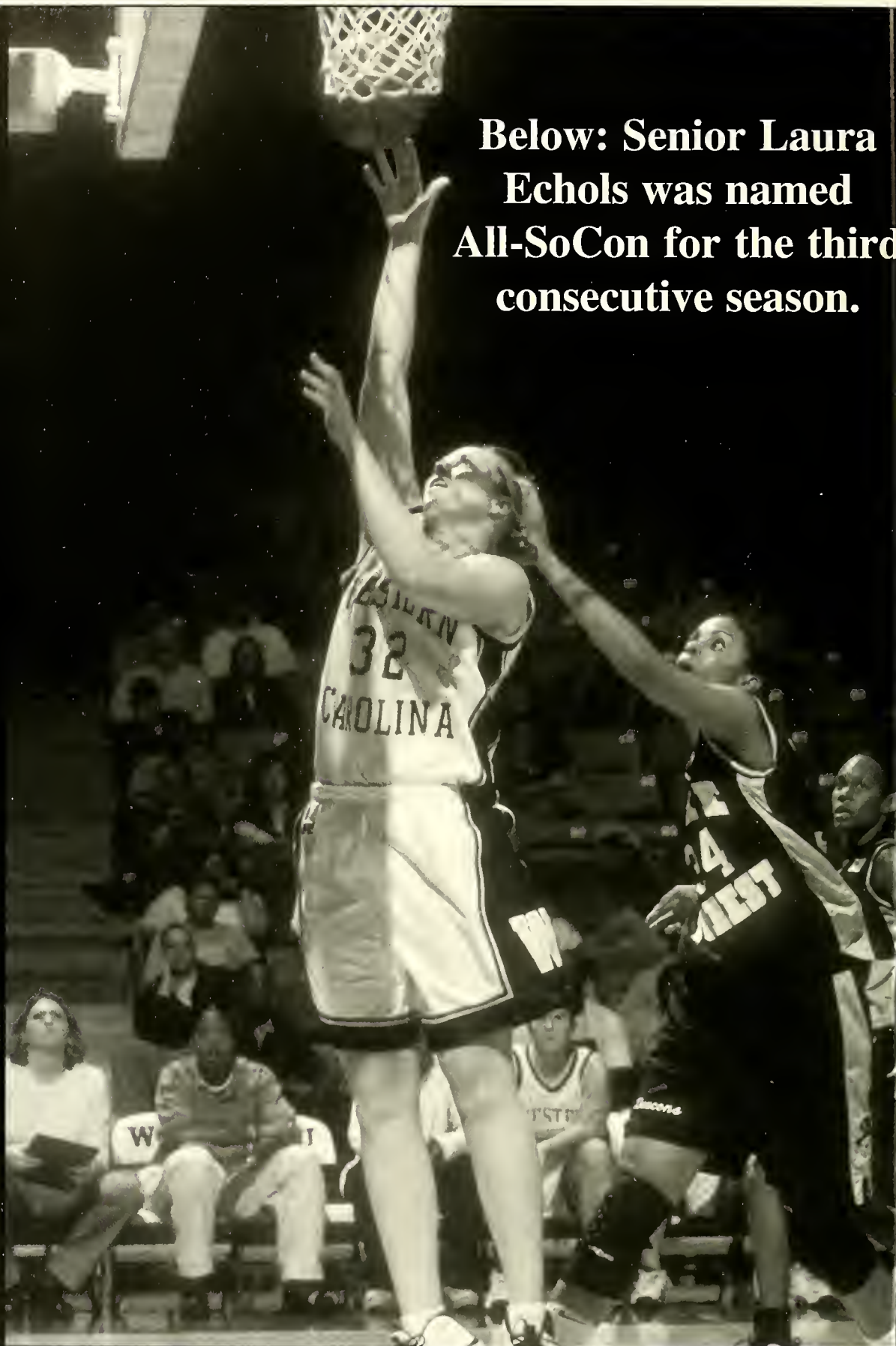
TRACK AND FIELD





WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Below: Senior Laura Echols was named All-SoCon for the third consecutive season.



The women's basketball team had their best season in 19 years, coming away with a very respectable 19-11 season. This included some big wins over Wake Forest and Georgia Southern. They finished fifth in the Southern Conference. Way to go ladies!

Below: Guard Yoneko Allen (left) goes in for the winning point. Guard Ki-ki Glass (right) was named to the All-Freshman Team.



CATAMOUNT GOLF



**The women's golf
team finished 5th at
Eastern Carolina at
the beginning of the
spring season.**

**The men's golf team
finished 6th of 19 at
Winthrop at the
beginning of the
spring season.**





Western Carolina's 2001 Homecoming King and Queen

INTRAMURALS

2001

The goals of the Intramural Sports Program are to provide ample opportunity for wholesome recreational activity, foster good sportsmanship, and to provide an opportunity to experience new leisure activities.

Western's Intramural Sports Program offers many opportunities for voluntary participation to all members of the university community, which includes students (undergraduate & graduate), faculty and staff. Programs include team and individual sports activities for male, female, and co-recreational activities.

A wide variety of awards are won by intramural participants throughout the year, such as t-shirts, ribbons, and trophies. Photographs of the All-Stars and the All-Campus Champions are proudly displayed in Reid's trophy case.

The following pages include the 2001 Intramural Sports All-Campus Champions from various events.



All-Campus Champions 2001
50 Yard Tube Relay 43.6
Randy Russotti & John Kneedler
Hooterville Express



All-Campus Champions 2001
100 Yard Med. Relay - 58.1
200 Yard Free Relay - 1:49.8
R. Russotti, J. Williamson,
S. Shanin, J. Kneedler



All-Campus Champion 2001
2 Mile Cross Country
Basketball Accuracy
Justin Cashion



All-Campus Champion 2001
25 Yard Backstroke - 15.9
Jennifer Swindle
Shooters



All-Campus Champion 2001
25 Yard Freestyle 13.1
Jessica Palmer
Delta Zeta



All-Campus Champions 2001
Co-ed 2-on-2 Basketball
Josh Galloway & Margaret Floyd



All-Campus Champions 2001
Sorority Tennis Doubles
Janene Chokla & Alexa Lassonde
Zeta Tau Alpha



All-Campus Champion 2001
Football Pentathlon
Softball Skills
Chris Burns
Hooterville Express



All-Campus Champion 2001
Floopball Pentathlon
Margaret Floyd
Phi Mu



All-Campus Champion 2001
Weekend Darts
Carmen Senst



All-Campus Champion 2001
100 Yard Freestyle - 1:05.7
Kyle West
Alpha Chi Omega



All-Campus Champions 2001
Co-ed Weekend Darts
Will Grimes & Carmen Senst



All-Campus Champion 2001
50 Yard Freestyle - 28.2
Jake Williamson
Hooterville Express



All-Campus Champion 2001
25 Yard Freestyle - 13.1
Stefanie Schaal
Helder Hotties



All-Campus Champion 2001
25 Yard Breaststroke - 17.6
25 Yard Butterfly - 14.2
Jennifer Swindle
Shooters



All-Campus Champions 2001
Table Tennis Doubles
Independents 2001
Kelley Ryan & Brooke Stillman



All-Campus Champions 2001
Co-ed Flag Football
League Champion
Red Kool-Aid



All-Campus Champion 2001
Softball Skills
Stuart Yeatts
Honors College



All-Campus Champion 2001
50 Yard Backstroke
Jim McCabe
Hooligans



All-Campus Champion 2001
50 Yard Breaststroke - 37.1
John Kneedler
Hooterville Express



All-Campus Champion 2001
Table Tennis Singles
Mike Davis
Hooligans



All-Campus Champion 2001
100 Yard Individual Med - 1:11.6
Matt Williams
Hooligans



All-Campus Champion 2001
Indep. Softball Skills
Hope Roberts
Time Warpors



All-Campus Champion 2001
Indep. Football Pentathlon
Shanna Mintz
Helder Hotties



All-Campus Champion 2001
Sorority Tennis Singles
Alexa Lassonde
Zeta Tau Alpha



All-Campus Champion 2001
Sorority Softball Skills
Alexa Lassonde
Zeta Tau Alpha



Left: All-Campus Champions 2001
Floopball
Helder Hotties

Right: All-Campus Champions 2001
Flag Football
SMC



Left: All-Campus Champions 2001
Ultimate Team Frisbee
Stugots

Right: All-Campus Champions 2001
Water Polo
Hooterville Express





All-Campus Champions 2001
Sorority Indoor Soccer
Alpha Xi Delta



All-Campus Champions 2001
Indoor Soccer
Red Champion
Hooterville Express



All-Campus Champions 2001
50 Yard Inner Tube Relay - 47.3
Stefanie Schaal & Jessica Palmer
Helder Hotties



All-Campus Champions 2001
Green Co-ed Volleyball
Les Bras Casses



All-Campus Champions 2001
Sorority Table Tennis
Adrianne Glassy & Angela Davis
Phi Mu

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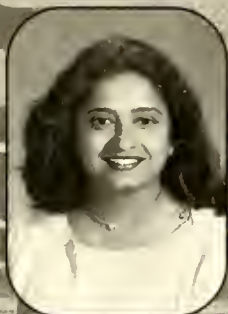
PORTRAITS

HARD HAT
AREA

GRADUATE STUDENTS



Heather Allen
School Counseling



Rupsi Burman
Business Administration



Judy Gamwell
Nursing



Denise Hansen
Nursing



Joshua Hydaker
Business Administration



Natascha Lance
Reading Specialist



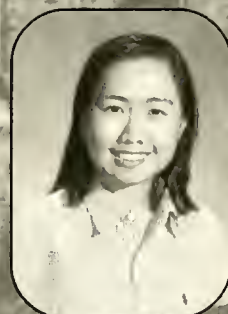
Lydia Luka
Nursing



Karen Oldham
Physical Education



Mohammed Sarker
Chemistry



Pornnipa Viechchulada
Chemistry

SENIORS



Tina Abernethy
Elementary
Education



Litta Adams
English



Heather Albritton
Hospitality
Management



Jeffrey Allen
Accounting



Chris Alley
Music
Education



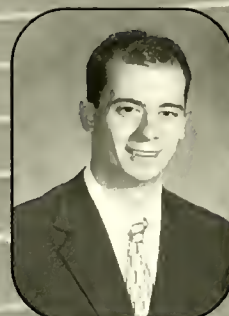
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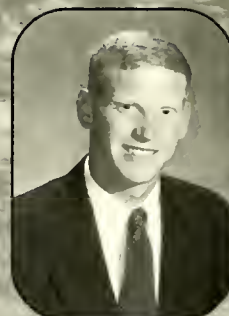
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Nutrition



Erin Benfield
Recreational Therapy



Andrea Blanksteen
Communications



Blake Booher
Finance



Samantha Briatico
Finance



Natalie Brittain
Recreational
Therapy



Alison Brooks
Sociology



John Brooks
Communications



Andrea Brown
Public Relations



Anita Burnette



Timerie Burnette
Sociology



Scott Cassell
Computer Information
Systems



Mary Beth Chandler
Hospitality Management



Christopher Childers
Natural Resources Management



Jennifer Ciavardini
Elementary Education



Amanda Cloninger
Criminal Justice



Jonathan Cloward
Sports Management



Vyanne Cogdill
Elementary
Education



William Collier
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Terri Collins
English



Adam Cook
Parks and Recreation
Management



Kristen Cook
Interior Design



Harmony Coppola
Psychology



Heidi Crawford
Child and Family
Studies



Karla Crouse
Special Education



Rebecca Curle
Communication
Disorders



Tracy Devoe
Parks and Recreation
Management



Russell Dowless
Geography



Laura Echols
Chemistry



Geoffrey Edwards
Marketing



James Faw



Kimberly Fischer
Communications



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Computer Information
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Christina Hall
Accounting



Benjamin Halligan



Kimberly Hannah
English



Michelle Harper
Computer Information
Systems



Stephanie Harmon
Geography/
Planning



Sara Haselman
Social Sciences/
Psychology



Amy Hardway
Child and Family
Studies



Melissa Hatch
Early Childhood
Education



Eric Hunt



Gretchen Isaacs
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Terry James
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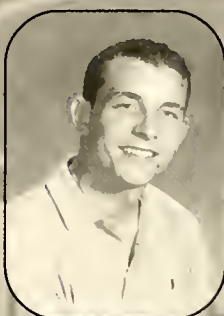
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Robyn Lutz
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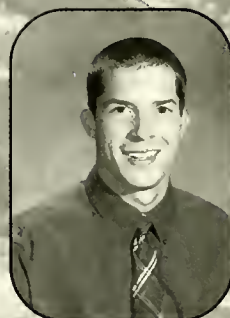
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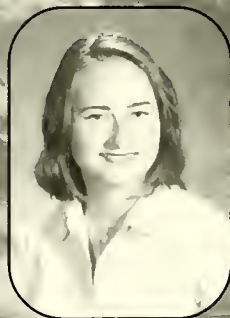
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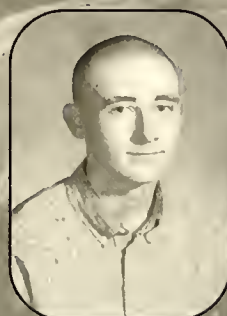
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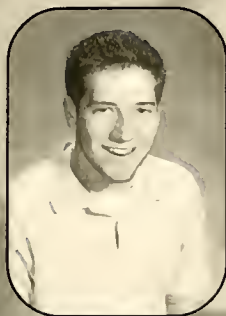
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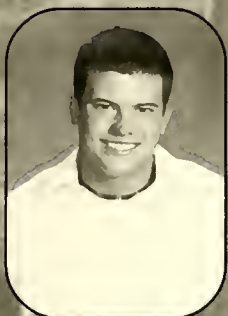
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“Remembering
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Above: The sisters pose for a picture during the Spring Formal Recruitment.

Below: Royalyn, Alison, and Brigette play “piggie back” one last time.

*Zeta Tau Alpha
was founded on
October 15, 1898 in
Farmville, Virginia.*





Above: Doesn't everyone look wonderful? These Zeta's sure do know how to dress to impress!!!

Sisters are forever!!!

Below: Strike a pose ladies. Zeta's at the 2001 Crown Ball.



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Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

“Lovely ladies you can’t deny, the ladies of Zeta Pi” is one of the chapter mottos that the Sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated lives by. They won the Order of Omega Award last year for the Sorority with the most programs. Some programs include: “Oh No She Didn’t” a rap session for all minority women on campus and “You be the Judge” a debate about the death penalty between a professor and a student. With 10 members, they are currently the biggest African American Sorority on campus.

Sorors of Zeta Xi Chapter, L-R: LaTosha Jamison, Sharease Curl, Quiletta Dunston, MaLeisha Medlin, Yasmin Morton, Rhonda Izzard, Adrienne Phillips, Delicia Connelley.





Left: Zeta Xi chapter of Zeta Phi Beta and Pi Mu chapter of Phi Beta Sigma. Also known together as ZFBS, the only constitutionally bound sorority and fraternity.

Members are: LaTosha Jamison, Sharease Curl, Quilletta Dunston, MaLeisha Medlin, Hasmin Morton, Rhonda Izzard, Adrienne Phillips, and Delicia Connelley.

Zeta Xi chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Kappa Alpha Psi



Above: BJ Mosely and Chris Prysock are throwing up "the YO".

Right: Celebrating their 20th anniversary are Kori Hatcher, Willam E. Settles (founder of Kappa Sigma chapter of KAPΣ), BJ Mosely, and Chris Prysock.



Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on the campus of Indiana University on January 5, 1911. The fraternity's fundamental purpose is achievement.



Above: Davina, Arkeisha, Saretta, Rhonda, and Shanell at the Kappa's 20th Anniversary Ball.

Bottom: BJ Mosely with Davina Connelly - Miss Kappa 2001.





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Above: Quiletta Dunston, Tasha Haroll, Rhonda Izzard, Anna Phillips, and Bro. Alan Gidney.

*Phi Beta
Sigma was
founded on
January 9,
1914.*

Their motto is: "Culture for

***Right: Bro.
Travis Avery,
Bro. TJ
McClain, and
Bro. Harold
Walker III.***



Brothers:

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Above: Bro.
Alan Gidney

service and service for humanity.”

Right: Bro. Travis Avery, Bro. Harold Walker III, Bro. Tyro Brice, and Bro. Leonard Hawkins.





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Above: Sisters pose for a picture during Greek Games 2001
Left: A few of the sisters take a break from all of the fun at our sister retreat.

*Alpha Xi Delta was founded in 1893
by ten young women at Lombard
College in Galesburg, Illinois.*



AED



Above: Sisters camping out to raise money for Choose Children.

Below: Sisters gathered at a social event at Pi Kappa Alpha. Bottom: New members on Bic day!



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek letter organization established in America by and for black college women. It's founding on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., was inspired by the vision of Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, a black undergraduate desiring to create a liaison between the black community and black undergraduate women.



Alpha Kappa Alpha has grown from one undergraduate chapter to an international organization with a membership of more than 140,000 women. Our membership consists of ladies of distinction and exemplary character who excel in scholarship, leadership and service. Our undergraduate and graduate chapters are located throughout the U.S., West Africa, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Korea, and Germany. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is the epitome of class, grace, and finer womanhood.

Kappa Alpha was founded in February of 1975 on the campus of Western Carolina University. Kappa Alpha has prominent programs and participation in activities such as The Annual Fashion Show, Skee-Week, AKA Coat Day, Ebony King's Round Table, and the American Red Cross Blood Drive. This year Kappa Alpha is celebrating their 27th anniversary. Kappa Alpha's legacy lives on and stands tall!

Kappa Alpha Through the Years 1975-2001



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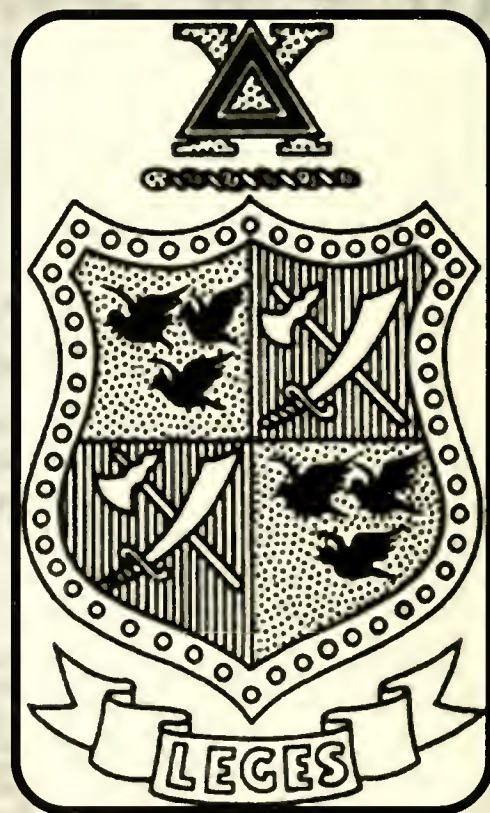


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Delta Chi facts:

- 88% Colonization success rate
- 123 Chapters/Colonies in U.S. and Canada

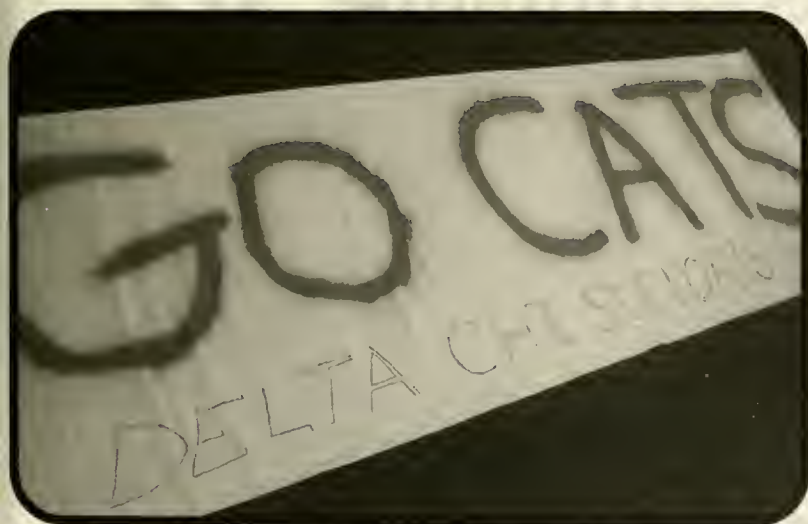


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Delta Chi was originally founded by 11 law students in 1890 at Cornell University. Originally a law fraternity, Delta Chi became a general fraternity in 1922, and was the first to



abolish hazing, and the hazing associated with "hell week," in 1929.



Left: The Pi Gamma Chapter at Valley Bally Hoo. Top Row: Tonya Houston, Bobbi Baker, Mesha Harris, and Daphne Moore. Bottom Row: Shameika Marshall, Christina Monroe, Kathleen Spear. Bottom Right: NPHC, NPC, and IFC at Greek Week's flag football challenge.

The public motto of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. "Intelligence is the torch of wisdom."





Left: Deltas and Ques showing some coleman love at Homecoming. Bottom Left: Homecoming Stepshow "Stompfest."

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 by 22 collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use



their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need.



Left: The Xi Sigma Chapter is awarded it's charter.

**Kappa Sigma was founded in 1869
at the University of Virginia.**



Right: The Kappa Sigs participate in Adopt-A-Highway.

The brothers of Kappa Sigma are involved in the Habitat for Humanity program.



The Xi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Sigma here at WCU was colonized on February 3, 2001 and received it's charter on August 25, 2001.



The Kappa Sigs decorate their float for the Homecoming Parade.

THE END OF THE LINE!

Well, I guess this is it. This past year has been a trying one. It has been joyful, stressful, and even tearful on occasion. Our goal was to be Western's first yearbook to come out before the school year's end. I'm still not sure if that will happen but we continue to be hopeful. It has been a tough undertaking without an actual office. Due to the renovation of the OSU, all of our belongings have been stored in a tractor trailer, making it difficult to access needed materials. The renovation is nearing completion and our new office will be much appreciated in the coming year.

I would like to extend a very special thanks to my daughter, my husband, and all of my family & friends who constantly heard me say: "Oh, that sounds great...but, sorry I can't...yearbook stuff again." Thank you for putting up with endless hours of me sitting at the computer day and night. Some of you haven't seen me in months.

Also, special thanks is due to Dr. Newt Smith. I certainly couldn't have done any of this without you. You have been there through the good and the bad. You've shared my excitement, soothed my tears, and given me immeasurable advice. By the way, how did I ever let you talk me into this....and another year....what was I thinking!? Even still, I do look forward to working with you again.

Also, special thanks to the Catamount staff members. You guys have been great. We had some slow periods but then there were those very late nights of working and eating pizza. Thank you for giving up some of your evenings to stay late. Also, thanks for dealing with my grumpiness on the days I showed up without any sleep the night before. Amy, you have been my right-hand woman, thanks so much for all your hard work. Terri, thanks for being so organized with everything! Shawna, you rock! I appreciate all your diligence on the CD-ROM.

To all students and faculty: The Catamount is open for suggestions on ways to improve future editions of the yearbook. Feedback, good or bad, is welcome and encouraged. Also, please contact us if you would like to submit photographs of friends, events, clubs, or anything else. You never know, you might see yourself on the cover! Remember, everyone has a voice...it's just a matter of using it. This is *your* education, *your* campus, and *your* yearbook. Let your voice be heard, and let your memories be preserved in a keepsake you'll someday share with your children.

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Until next time...Lori Turnipseed Smith

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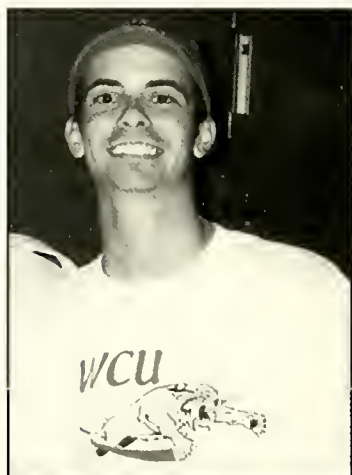
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When not busy cutting class, playing heavy metal, or hitchhiking to hell, these guys worked hours on end preparing Western's unprecedented interactive yearbook CD-ROM. This fun project required large amounts of work...in and out of class. Good luck finding a parking place!

Bottom Left: Shawn Solito - Audio/Video/Animation/Graphics

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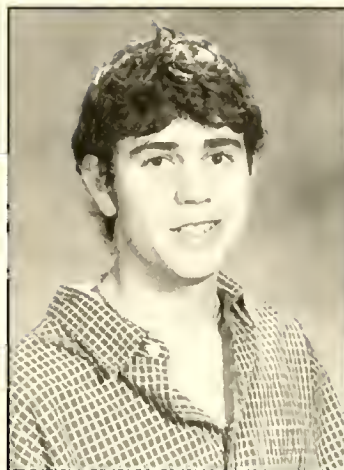




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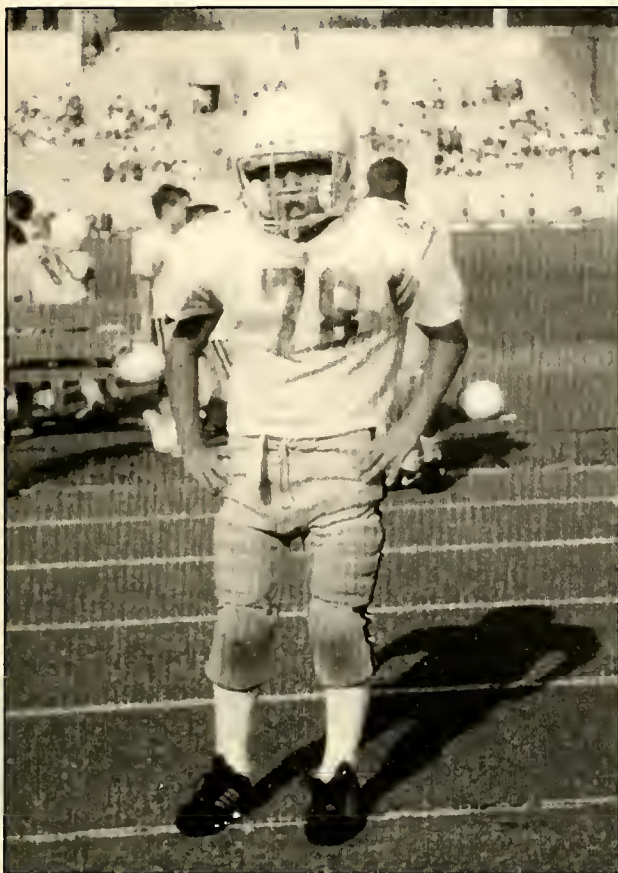
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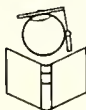
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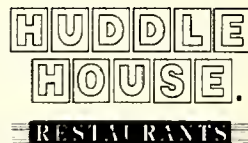
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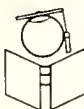
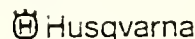


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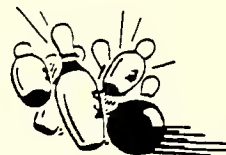


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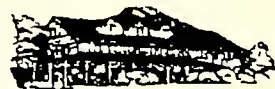


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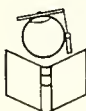
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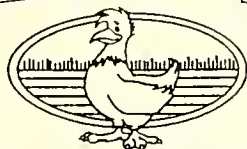
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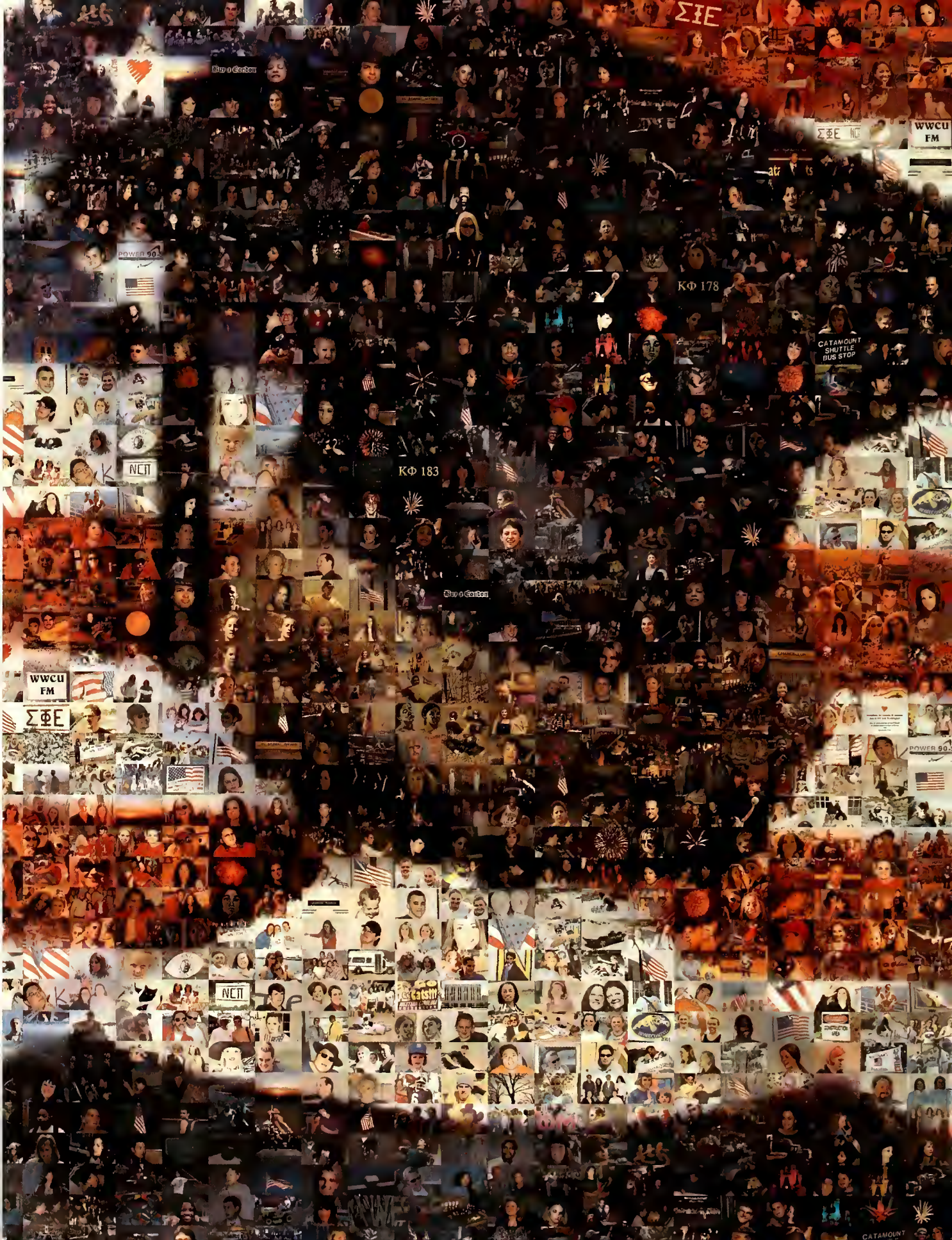
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